

GLEN DALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 8, 2024

Glen Dale City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 8th, 2024, at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers of the Glen Dale City Building. Those in Attendance were Mayor Scott, Recorder Richmond, Councilors Anderson, Cook, Cunningham, English and Zinn. Also present were Chief of Police Vogler, City Clerk Rentfrow, Water Superintendent Orlofske, City Attorney Potts and City Accountant Abraham. Absent was Street Commissioner Caldwell.

The minutes of the Monday, December 11th, 2023 City Council meeting were presented to council for review prior to the meeting. Councilor Anderson requested a minor correction in reference to the previous information, which was received from the state treasurer's office and not the state auditor's office. Motion by Councilor Zinn and seconded by Councilor English to accept the minutes as presented with the correction.

Vote: Unanimous

General public hearing – Mayor Scott gave those in attendance the opportunity to speak.

Russ Neihaus from 308 First Street wanted council to be advised about a quorum problem situation with the sanitary board causing issues with their scheduled meeting.

Denise Pavlik from 606 Madison Ave. wants a traffic issue with the east side of WV Route 2 at 9th Street addressed. She stated there has been accidents their recently and many near crashes daily and wants the city to look into this traffic situation and consider changing the use of the road if the intersection cannot be widen.

Motion was made by Councilor Cook and was seconded by Councilor English to refer this information to the traffic commission for consideration.

Vote: Unanimous

Reports from committees – Mayor Scott requested reports from committees

Fire Department – Fire Chief Richard Schoene reported to council that the fire department will be sending the 1994 Sutphen 75 foot Aerial Tower Truck to be refurbished and will be out of service for approximately four months. The total cost of this will be paid for by the fire department.

Finance - City Accountant Michael Abraham presented the financial reports of all city accounts giving an overall view of current financial situation. Motion was made by Councilor English and was seconded by Councilor Cook to accept the financial report and statements as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

Water and Sanitary – Water Superintendent Orlofske reported that the next meeting for the water board and sanitary board will be held on Tuesday, January 16th beginning at 6pm and 6:30pm respectfully.

Traffic Commission – Councilor Zinn requested that Chief of Police Vogler start presenting police department activity reports for council to review at each meeting beginning with the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

Parks & Recreation – Councilor Anderson stated the Park and Recreation committee will meet on January 22nd at 5pm. Mayor Scott requested an update on the repairs to the Dolphin pool cleaning machine.

Legal – City Attorney Potts informed city council that he has been working on the deed at the pool for Belomar. City Attorney Potts gave an update to the city council about the Opioid settlement fund which will be coming to the city and is still looking into all the ways this money can be spent.

Motion was made by Councilor Cunningham and was seconded by Councilor Zinn to accept all the committee reports as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

Unfinished business –

General discussion was held with Fire Chief Richard Schoene and Assistant Fire Chief Greg Kibert about their thoughts about a future fire station, the fire department needs and size of a building along with different locations within the city to build in the future.

Motion was made by Councilor Cunningham and was seconded by Councilor Cook to have the Mayor appoint and set-up a joint committee with city representatives to meet with certain fire department members to begin talks about the municipal building and fire department building future expansion.

Vote: Unanimous

New business –

Mayor Scott discussed a modification to the contract with the City's Certified Public Accountant Mike Abraham since the city has purchased new book keeping computer software program to track this information internally. CPA Mike Abraham presented a new monthly contract for financial services dated January 1, 2024 to the city council to review.

Motion was made by Councilor Cook and was seconded by Councilor Zinn to accept the new monthly CPA service contract as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

Under Mayor's items –

Mayor Scott reported to city council that Campbell Sign Company is working on a new sign for the city building.

That Mayor Scott has hired a company to replace the damaged carpeting on and around the stairs in the city building

The Mayor has obtained two above ground fuel storage tanks from BFS for gasoline and diesel fuel at no cost to the city. The city will then will be buying bulk loads of fuel for the city owned vehicles and equipment. This should save the city money from buying fuel from the individual fuel stations.

Under Council items –

Councilor Zinn wanted to thank Water Superintendent Orlofske for information he placed in the council packets in reference to city owned properties.

Councilor Cook presented city council with a report about the City's Christmas Decoration Contest winners. Councilor Cook stated it was a hard decision by all the judges and the decorations throughout the city were spectacular.

1st Place – Sheldon and Jody Maddox, 300 Lee Street

2nd Place – Jenny Ruckman and Joe Moore 707 Wheeling Ave

3rd Place – Russ and Mary Neihaus 308 First Street

Councilor Anderson discussed the public use of city dumpsters. Then Mayor Scott stated she has been working on a policy about this already and will present it in the future.

Executive Session –

Motion by Councilor Zinn and 2nd by Councilor Cunningham for an executive session for personnel matter at 7:58pm.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion by Councilor English and 2nd by Councilor Zinn to come out of executive session at 8:07pm.

Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Scott announced that neither any decision nor any votes were made during the executive session.

Motion by Councilor Cook and 2nd by Councilor Cunningham to accept the written resignation from Police Officer Keith Long presented to city council by Police Chief Vogler.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion for adjournment was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Anderson.

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Janet Scott, Mayor

Lewis E. Richmond, City Recorder